

MINUTES of a MEETING of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** of WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL
held on **Thursday 18th July 2024**, at 28 High Street, Winslow, at 7pm

Present: Cllrs Keys, Hamley and Wiseman

Absent: Cllrs Castle and Onley

Clerk: S Carolan

Also present: Mr Hugh Ellerton

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Castle and Onley

A24/59 The Committee RESOLVED to accept Cllr Castle's and Cllr Onley's apologies.

Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

A24/60 The Committee RESOLVED that the minutes of its meeting on Thursday 20th June 2024 be signed as a true record.

Matters Delegated by Council: None

Biodiversity / Nature

The Committee noted an update from the Clerk on progress on funding of the wildflower project.

A24/61 The Committee noted the establishment of a council-wide Biodiversity Steering Group and RESOLVED that all further work on the Three Hills proposal should be left for that steering group to consider.

Playground

A24/62 The Committee noted an update from the Playground Upgrade Steering Group on steps towards a design concept and RESOLVED that the Clerk should request that initial concepts are submitted to the Committee by 7th August.

A24/63 The Committee noted a recent emergency repair to the toddler boat, and RESOLVED that the cost be met from the allocated budget.

Burial Ground

The Committee discussed the lack of progress on the burial ground expansion project and that the steering group will be meeting as soon as possible, to present a plan to the Committee at its next meeting.

A24/64 The Committee noted correspondence from a resident re damage to a temporary grave marker and RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to replace the marker, if necessary, using funds from the burial ground maintenance budget.

Tomkins Park

A24/65 The Committee noted an estimate prepared by the Clerk of the additional resource required to complete the planned works to both the eastern and north-western margins of the park if the works are to be carried out in early September, during the grass-cutting season and at the same time as planned major works to the burial ground hedges. The Committee RESOLVED that the Estates Manager be asked to prepare a schedule for the works, using both internal and external resources, to achieve completion of all items by mid-October.

Street Scene

A24/66 Members noted a request from the Rotary Club of Winslow, via the Committee's biodiversity steering group, to take a role in the maintenance of some of the Council's horticultural assets. The Committee RESOLVED that the Clerk should meet with the Rotary Club to discuss the Barbara Brown memorial garden, the Elmfields Gate garden and the Piccadilly garden.

A24/67 Members noted that the Council's supply of Winslow Walks leaflets is almost exhausted, and RESOLVED that the leaflets should be updated before being reprinted, and to suggest that this might be an item for consideration by the Events Committee.

Public Hall Car Park

A24/68 Members considered a request by the Clerk for an additional hedge trimmer with which to maintain the car park hedge, and RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to spend £200 from the maintenance budget.

Devolved Services

A24/69 The Committee RESOLVED to defer consideration of requirements for future devolution agreements until its next meeting and to remind members to familiarise themselves with the background documents.

Items for Information

The Committee's next meetings are scheduled for Thursdays 15th August and 19th September 2024.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8:45pm.

Signed: _____ (Chairman) at a Meeting held on **15th August 2024**